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portant show ring in this country, Canada, and in South American shows.

Dean Curtis served on many national and international livestock investigating committees and commissions. He had been a member of the Iowa state board of agriculture, director of the executive committee and one of the founders of the International Livestock exposition, president and director of the Percheron Horse Association of America, member of the American Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, a member of the Saddle and Sirloin club, Chicago, Ill., and was a frequent contributor to livestock and agriculture papers. In 1893 he married Olive Wilson, of Harper, Iowa, who died April 1, 1943, and their survivors are two daughters, Mrs. C. J. Murray, New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Wallace Whittaker, Somerset, Virginia.

During all his career Dean Curtis was helpful in large degree to the scientific progress of Iowa agriculture—a close personal friend and co-worker with Secretary James Wilson and Secretary Henry (Harry) C. Wallace in the broadening field of mid-west agriculture and the allied interests of cornbelt animal husbandry. Few men have left a greater impress in an educational way upon the generation in Iowa of which he was a part.

THOMAS CONRY, churchman and educator, president-emeritus of Loras college, died at Dubuque, Iowa, July 29, 1947; born on a farm near Masonville, Iowa, January 27, 1869, the son of John and Mary (Whalen) Conry; grew up on the farm and attended district school in Coffins Grove township, Delaware county; was graduated from Loras college in 1895 and in 1898 from Laval-Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, where he was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic church; served as assistant pastor of St. Raphael's cathedral at Dubuque until 1901, when he was appointed to the English department at Loras college; appointed college president in 1924 and served until 1939 when he became president-emeritus. The distinguished educator was named prothonotary apostolic in 1934 and received an honorary doctorate of laws from St. Ambrose college, Davenport, in 1939, in recognition of exceptional accomplishments in the field of Catholic education. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Conry was appointed vicar-general of the archdiocese in 1934 and held that position until 1944; also was the first editor of *The Witness*, diocesan weekly newspaper, serving for many years, and was the author of a number of poems and articles dealing with education, literature and religion.

JOHN M. RANKIN, legislator and jurist, died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 20, 1947; born on a farm in Fulton county, Illinois, June 9, 1873; educated in rural schools and Western Normal college at Bushnell, Illinois; studied law in Chicago Kent College of Law; practiced law in Chicago from his admission to the bar in 1904

until he moved to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1917; served in the Spanish-American war with the Sixth Illinois infantry; married Marie Short of Keokuk, who with a daughter, Mary Ann, survives him; served as representative in the Iowa General Assembly from Lee county in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first sessions; appointed judge of the Lee county district court in 1925, at the close of the legislative session, and was upon the bench from April, 1925, until December 31, 1938; selected by Attorney General Fred D. Everett as first assistant attorney general, January 1939 and upon the death of Mr. Everett June 17, 1940, was appointed by Gov. Geo. A. Wilson to fill the unexpired term; re-elected in 1942, 1944 and 1946, and is the second successive attorney general of Iowa to die in office; a member of the Iowa State Bar association, American Bar association, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Elks orders and a Republican.

HENRY K. LOVE, retired U. S. Army officer; died at Kensington, Maryland, April 27, 1947; born in Iowa in 1863, the son of James Madison Love, a native of Fairfax Courthouse, Virginia, a distant relative of President James Madison, and Mary Thomasson Love, of Louisville, Kentucky, who died at his birth. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the Rough Riders regiment as a private, and at the close of the war was a sergeant, the late President Theodore Roosevelt, then the regimental commander, describing him as "so straight that he bent over backwards;" also was a soldier in the Philippine insurrection and in World War I, and advanced to the rank of major; thus a veteran of three wars, elderly and beyond retirement age, after the attack at Pearl Harbor, sought some sort of service in connection with the war effort but was rejected, much to his disappointment after visiting the army, the navy and Red Cross headquarters. Major Love's sole survivor is his daughter, Mrs Bonnie Love Von Steiner-Goltl, of Kensington, with whom he resided; his wife, Mrs. Josephine Chase Love, and son, Madison Chase, having died several years ago.

HARRY E. COX, farmer, dairyman and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 20, 1947; born upon a farm in Hardin county, Iowa, March 21, 1885, the son of John and Anna Cox, Iowa pioneers at Dubuque; educated in the Hardin county public schools and moved to Webster county, Iowa, in 1912; engaged in the dairy business in 1920 in which he has continued; married Betty Lindholm of Elgin, Illinois, Oct. 22, 1918, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Robert Lacia, residing near Fort Dodge, both of whom survive him; elected representative from Webster county in 1942, and re-elected in 1944; elected a member of the Webster county supervisors in 1946; a member of the Webster county farm bureau, Lions club, Elks lodge, Lutheran church and a Republican.

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